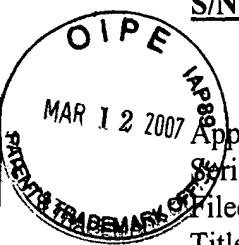


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**PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

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In accordance with the provision of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the Final Rejection dated October 2, 2006, said period of response being extended from January 2, 2007 to April 2, 2007.

**Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0743 in the amount of \$1020.00 to cover the required extension fee. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to deposit Account No. 19-0743.**

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